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In re Patent Application of )  
Melanie Chopart et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1651  
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For: RECONSTRUCTED )  
EPIDERMIS/SKIN EQUIVALENT )  
COMPRISING A CERAMIDE 7 AND )  
/OR 5.5 AND LIPID LAMELLAR )  
VESICULAR COMPOSITIONS )  
COMPRISING CERAMIDE 7 )  
AND/OR 5.5 COMPOUNDS )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title to the above-identified patent application to read as follows:

"RECONSTRUCTED EPIDERMIS/SKIN EQUIVALENT COMPRISING A  
CERAMIDE 7 AND /OR 5.5 AND LIPID LAMELLAR VESICULAR COMPOSITIONS  
COMPRISING CERAMIDE 7 AND/OR 5.5 COMPOUNDS"